

**89/1990 Volume 20 Number 1 Winter (Assuming Dec 89/ Jan 1990)**

**Harry B. Maddy, Superintendent 1990**

**1990 Volume 20 Number 3.3 Fall Meet Extra**

**Asking for For Fair Train Volunteers.**

**Editor requesting articles for Rusty Spike—all too common**

**Editor John Reber is retiring from Editor duties with December issue.**

**1990 Volume 20 Number 5 Late Winter Issue**

**Announced that the Spring Regional Convention will be in Milwaukee on May 3, 4, and 5 and the WISE Division is celebrating 25 years.**

**1991 Volume 21 Number 1 Election Issue**

**Bill Myers becomes the new Editor of the Rusty Spike**

**1991 Volume 21 Number 5 Dead of Winter Issue**

**“Don't just belong.. PARTICIPATE”...**

**1992 Volume 22 Number 2 Spring Issue**

**Promoting rail trails on abandoned right-of-ways**

**1992 Volume 22 Number 4 End-of-Summer Issue**

**The new Supt. is Marvin Crim and Asst. Supt. Is Russell Curry**

**1993 Volume 23 Number 5 Christmas**

**John Reber back as Editor.. Bill Myers gone quickly.**

**1994 Volume 24 Number 1 Spring Election Issue**

**Huge amount of events and upcoming election announced**

**1995 Volume 25 Number 3 Spring 1995**

**Marvin Crim and Bill Myers are building and donating a 28' by 48' N scale layout for a special raffle at the Kokomo Indiana (Makin' Tracks) convention!**

**1995 Volume 25 Number 4 Summer 1995**

**Roger Hensley is now the Editor of the Rusty Spike.**

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**Bill Myers writing about and promoting the AP.**

**1996 Volume 26 Number 1 Jan-Feb THE DATE IS FINALLY BACK ON THE COVER PAGE OF THE RUSTY SPIKE! Thank you Roger Hensley! Jim Wilhite becomes Superintendent**

**1996 Volume 26 Number 3 Jul-Aug**

**Appleton Honors:**

**Jim and Luana Wilhite were presented SERVICE AWARD in recognition of their 26 years of service to the Midwest Region and the Central Indiana Division.**

**Spike Editor Roger Hensley was mentioned for creating the CID Webpages and helping with the Midwest Region pages.**



**Crim Gets Certificate**

Jim Wilhite (left) presents Marvin Crim (right) with a certificate honoring his service as Superintendent.  
(See page 4)



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Indiana Counties

Bartholomew	Benton	Boone
Brown	Carroll	Cass
Clark	Clay	Clinton
Crawford	Clay	Delaware
Dubois	Floyd	Fountain
Gibson	Greene	Hamilton
Hancock	Harrison	Hendricks
Henry	Howard	Jackson
Jennings	Johnson	Knox
Lawrence	Madison	Marion
Martin	Miami	Monroe
Montgomery	Morgan	Orange
Owen	Parke	Perry
Pike	Posey	Putnam
Scott	Shelby	Spencer
Sullivan	Tippecanoe	Tipton
Vanderburgh	Vermillion	Vigo
Warren	Warrick	Washington
White		

Kentucky Counties

Allen	Ballard	Barron
Bullitt	Butler	Breckinridge
Caldwell	Calloway	Carlisle
Christian	Crittenden	Daviess
Edmonson	Fulton	Graves
Grayson	Hancock	Hardin
Hart	Henderson	Hickman
Hopkins	Larue	Livingston
Logan	Lyon	
McCracken	McLean	
Marshall	Meade	
Muhlenberg	Ohio	
Simpson	Todd	
Trigg	Union	
Warren	Webster	



**1996 Volume 26 Number 5 Nov - Dec**

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**1997 Volume 27 Number 2 Mar-April**

**Lou Bushfield from Romney Indiana (formerly from Lafayette) passed away in early March of this year. He was a past Superintendent of the CID and also a past President of the Midwest Region. He spent much of his life working for the NMRA. Our sympathy to his wife Ann and their grown children.**

**1997 Volume 27 Number 4 Sept-Oct**

**Frank Hermanek won 3 Merit Awards at the Madison National Convention.**

**Bill Jenkins is resigning as Paymaster and Frank Hermanek has volunteered to fill that role.**

**1997 Volume 27 Number 5 Nov-Dec**

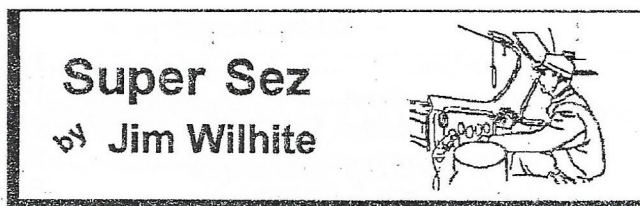
**Rock River Valley will host the Midwest Region Convention in 1998 at South Beloit, IL.**

**1998 Volume 28 Number 1 Jan-Feb**

**Bill Litkenhous becomes Superintendent in 1998**

**1998 Volume 28 Number 3 May-June**

**Jim & Luana Wilhite About 28 years of great continuous Service!**



**Super & Secretary Sez  
by Jim Wilhite  
and Luana Wilhite**

This our last Supt. Sez column for this long run of Central In. Division offices. We want to use part of it to thank all the Board members who have helped us have so much fun and who have given you, the members, so many good meets. We have both held Division, Region, and National positions almost continuously since we joined NMRA in 1970. We are leaving all of you in very good hands. You are voting for a very good group of board members in this election. We are going to continue helping as we can and we are also enjoying a new part (for us) of model railroading. As most of you know, we are two of the partners in La Belle Woodworking Model Railroad Kits. We will see all of you at Model Railroad meets and conventions; so it's not good bye, just thank you for all your help!

See you at the next meet May 17, 1998 at the 4H Fairgrounds in Greenfield, In.

Sincerely, Jim and Luana Wilhite



## **Back Office Report**

**Larry Gilbert**  
**Asst. Superintendent**



I attended my first Regional Board of Directors Meeting Saturday July 11th near Chicago. I thought it might be boring so at first I hesitated about attending, but after the fact, I am glad I decided to go. The Meeting started as most meetings do with the revisions and approval of the previous meetings minutes and then the Treasurers report. Then on to the meat of the meeting.

It was brought to the attention of those at the meeting that the Superintendent does not have an automatic vote at the BOD Meetings. A Director from each Division needs to be appointed to the BOD, by each Division, and only he has the authority to vote. There were several other minor points taken care of and then came the big attraction. We are now a dues paying Region. After much discussion and many revisions the final wording was approved by an overwhelming majority. All voted for it with one silent abstention. (See MWR Dues below - ed)

I met a group of Model Railroaders who care about the hobby and are trying to make the Regional Officers make good on their commitment to us the members of the Midwest Region/NMRA. I was impressed with the leadership of the BOD and think with all of our help will make this the best region in the NMRA.

Larry E. Gilbert, CID Asst. Superintendent

### **MWR Dues**

The following is taken from information supplied by Jack Pettee, Midwest Region Trustee.

A dues package was approved by the MWR BOD (Board of Directors) at their last meeting. The dues will go into effect January 1, 1999 and will be collected with your national dues by HQ using the Single Membership Dues Program.

The dues for a regular member will be \$6.00 per year. Life member dues will be based on the same actuarial tables used by national. Family

Membership dues will be 1/2 those of a Regular Member rounded to the nearest dollar, and any Youth Member of national will be eligible for Youth Membership within MWR at no charge.

Life membership in the region will use the same tables as national, however it will be based on the region dues amount and not the \$32.00 national charges. The Life Dues will be put into a separate interest earning account (or some other investment) so the account can be drawn on annually to support those members. Also, a NMRA Life Member will have the choice of becoming a Life Member of the Region or paying region dues annually.

It will take the full year of 1999 for all NMRA members residing in MWR to be notified of the choice of becoming a region member or not as the only time they can pay their region dues is when their national dues come up. During all of 1999, all region events will be open to all NMRA members just as it is today. Starting in 2000, region members will get a break in the price of region conventions or meets.

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**1998 Volume 28 Number 5 Oct-Nov 1998**

**Bartholomew County joins the CID! Petitions were circulated and approval by the appropriate authority brought Bartholomew County into the CID!**

**1999 Volume 29 Number 1 Jan-Feb 1999**

**A lot of event information and announcement of upcoming election.**

**1999 Volume 29 Number 3 June July 1999 2 Members Pass...**

## Final Run



### John E. Reber

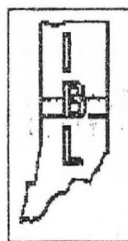


January 1999 - John E. Reber, NMRA Life Member died at Riverview hospital in Noblesville. John was a modeler and railfan who threw himself into the hobby. He had been a hard worker for the

Division and Region, had held divisional office and was a past editor of the 'Rusty Spike'. John moved here with his ex-wife Midge when she operated the NMRA HQ, then in Indianapolis. Reber was also well known in the MCR and was their president for a term. He had many friends there and would go to their functions at least as often as ours.

John was also a volunteer at the Indiana Transportation Museum in Noblesville where he was a top class conductor, and demonstrated the best of what you could look for in that role. He was firm when it came to the operation of the train, but he had a sense of humor, and compassion for the passengers.

### G. W. (Bill) Litten



March 1999 - G. W. (Bill) Litten died at St. John's Hospital in Anderson. Bill and his wife Irene were extremely active in the Division and were among the volunteer mainstays of HQ when it was in Indianapolis in the early

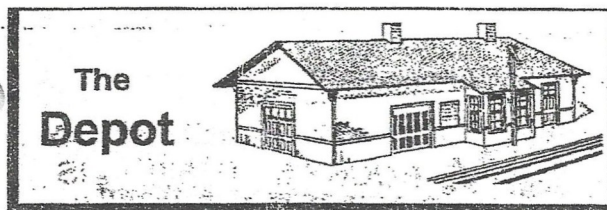
80s. Bill was a modeler, railfan and a Life Member of the NMRA. He had many friends. Bill taught me how to spot a railfan when driving. It is the one who stops ON the tracks to see if anything is coming. (True! I saw him do it! - rph)

Marvin Crim has a memory to share...

"We used to spend a lot of time with Bill and Irene over the years. My fondest memory, and there are many, was the time I made a "R.I.P." cross for Gridley tower. Bill and I went out to plant it at the site where Gridley once stood. I still have a photo of the two of us with that R.I.P. sign that Ellen took at the time. The NYC...and all of us will miss him."

**CID Picnic announced for Forest Park, Noblesville, Indiana. On Sunday, August 8, 1999.**





### Whit Towers' Final Run

Thursday 17 June 1999

Whit Towers, former editor of the NMRA Bulletin, has passed away. Although there will probably be a mention in the Bulletin, I felt that more was needed as he had an influence on me as a new member of the NMRA. Many older members will remember him fondly while others will only remember the 'Biffy' jokes and models that dotted his layout and that made a frequent appearance in the Bulletin. It was all in fun. (a 'Biffy' is an outhouse)

Whit was the editor of the NMRA bulletin back in the 70s when I was reading back issues at a friend's home. By the time I joined the NMRA in 1980, Don Mitchell was editor. The Bulletin was different then. There were no ads and it was loaded with drawings, stories and black and white photos, I always found something in it that I enjoyed in the way of modeling topics. In fact, I still do as I get back issues out from time to time as a reference to answer a question.

Whit had a well known layout, the "Alturas and Lone Pine", which was one of the big names then. However, his 'Biffy' jokes put him at odds with a number of NMRA members.

He was a good modeler and I thought that he was a pretty good editor. This was the message from the man who followed him as editor.

From Don Mitchell:

Gary Wilson, who was Whit's primary helper on the ALP, sent this note to me:

"After several years of declining health, Whit passed away yesterday (Sat, 6/12) at his home. He was 82 years old. In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and his ashes returned to Detroit to be interred with his family. We have all lost a good friend."

Rick Shoup, MMR (former AP Chair) said:

Whit's contributions to the NMRA started long before he was Bully Editor. (Which he saved from oblivion.) No one was able to publish a B&W 40 to

80 page hobby magazine month after month for more than a year or two. Whit did it for almost 10 years. He was Western VP, PCR President for 4 years, NMRA President for 4 years, worked with Linn Wescott on the modeling terms dictionary, was very active with a well done operating layout and generally was a big influence for the NMRA for almost 20 years.

Regards, Rick Shoup

Fade to scene of a 'Biffy' on a flat car pulling away into the distance with Thumbs waving  
good-bye...

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**1999 Volume 29 Number 5 Oct - Dec 1999**

**Let's elect Jack Pettee as NMRA Executive Vice President**

**SUMMARY: 1990s**

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